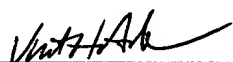


## REMARKS

In the Reasons for Allowance section of the Notice of Allowance, there are several assertions regarding what is "well known in the art." Applicant respectfully submits that the details of what precisely the cited references **do** disclose were never the subject of the prosecution, and no agreement was reached between Applicant and the Examiner as to precisely what the cited references disclose. Applicant submits that the prosecution record indicates what the cited references fail to disclose with regards to what is recited in the claimed invention, and in that regard the claims were found to be allowable. Thus, the comments in the Reasons for Allowance should not be construed in any manner broader or inconsistently with what is indicated in the prosecution record.

Respectfully submitted,  
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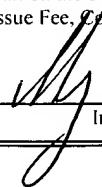
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